

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
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TO: County Social Service Directors
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

FROM: Maggie Anderson, Executive Director, DHS

SUBJECT: 2015 Health Care Coverage Poverty Levels

PROGRAMS: Medicaid and Healthy Steps

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2015

RETENTION: Until Manualized

SECTIONS

AFFECTED: 510-03-85-40 Income Levels, ACA Medicaid
510-05-85-40 Income Levels, Non-ACA Medicaid
510-07-40-40 Income Levels, Healthy Steps

The Federal Poverty Levels have increased effective April 1, 2015 (in accordance with the Federal Register, Vol. 80 No. 14, January 22, 2015 pages 3236-3237). As a result of the increase the Medicaid and Healthy Steps income levels have been updated to reflect the changes effective April 1, 2015.

Medically Needy – Non-MAGI (Aged, Blind, Disabled) (83% of the Federal Poverty Level):

Number of Persons	Monthly Income Level
1	\$ 814
2	1,101
3	1,389
4	1,677
5	1,965

6	2,252
7	2,540
8	2,828
9	3,115
10	3,403
Effective April 1, 2015	

For each person in the medically needy unit above 10, add \$287 to the monthly amount.

Medically Needy --MAGI (Pregnant Women) (90% of the Federal Poverty Level):

Number of Persons	Monthly Income Level	Annual Income Level
1	\$ 882	\$10,593
2	1194	14,337
3	1506	18,081
4	1818	21,825
5	2130	25,569
6	2442	29,313
7	2754	33,057
8	3066	36,801
9	3378	40,545
10	3690	44,289
Effective April 1, 2015		

For each person in the medically needy unit above 10, add \$312 to the monthly amount and \$3744 to the annual amount.

Medically Needy – MAGI (Individuals Ages 0 - 21) (92% of the Federal Poverty Level):

Number of Persons	Monthly Income Level	Annual Income Level
1	\$ 902	\$10,828
2	1221	14,656
3	1540	18,483

4	1859	22,310
5	2178	26,137
6	2497	29,964
7	2815	33,792
8	3134	37,619
9	3453	41,446
10	3772	45,273
Effective April 1, 2015		

For each person in the medically needy unit above 10, add \$318 to the monthly amount or \$3,827 to the annual amount.

Medically Needy – MAGI (Parents/Caretaker Relatives) (93% of the Federal Poverty Level):

Number of Persons	Monthly Income Level	Annual Income Level
1	\$ 912	\$10,946
2	1234	14,815
3	1556	18,684
4	1879	22,553
5	2201	26,421
6	2524	30,290
7	2846	34,159
8	3168	38,028
9	3491	41,897
10	3813	45,765
Effective April 1, 2015		

For each person in the medically needy unit above 10, add \$322 to the monthly amount and \$3,869 to the annual amount.

Poverty Levels:

The income level for **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB's)** is equal to or less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:
1	\$ 980
2	1,,327
3	1,674
4	2,020
5	2,367
6	2,714
7	3,060
8	3,407
9	3,754
10	4,100
Effective April 1, 2015	

For each additional household member over 10, add \$346 to the monthly amount.

The income level for **Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB's)** is equal to or less than 120% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:
1	\$1,177
2	1,593
3	2,009
4	2,425
5	2,841
6	3,257
7	3,673
8	4,089
9	4,505
10	4,921
Effective April 1, 2015	

For each additional household member over 10, add \$416 to the monthly amount.

The income level for **Qualifying Individuals (QI-1)** is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:
1	\$1,324

2	1,792
3	2,260
4	2,728
5	3,196
6	3,664
7	4,132
8	4,600
9	5,068
10	5,536
Effective April 1, 2015	

For each additional household member over 10, add \$468 to the monthly amount.

The income level for **Parents and Caretaker Relatives who are MEDICARE beneficiaries, SSI recipients or over age 65** is the Parent and Caretaker Relative fixed dollar level plus the 5% Federal Poverty Level disregard. The 5% FPL disregard is applied only to the highest ACA income level for which an individual qualifies. Since individuals over age 65, MEDICARE beneficiaries, and most SSI recipients cannot be covered under the adult group, they are allowed the 5% at this income level.

Note: This has not previously been published but has been used by MAGI-in-the-Cloud when determining eligibility for Parents and Caretaker Relatives who are MEDICARE beneficiaries, SSI recipients or over age 65.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:	Annual Income Level
1	\$566	\$6,792
2	760	\$9,120
3	955	\$11,460
4	1149	\$13,788
5	1344	\$16,128
6	1539	\$18,468
7	1733	\$20,796
8	1927	\$23,124
9	2122	\$25,464
10	2316	\$27,792
Effective April 1, 2015		

For each additional household member over 10, add \$195 to the monthly amount or \$2,339 to the annual amount.

The income level for **children age 6 through 18** and Individuals eligible for the **Adult Expansion Group** is equal to or less than 133% of the Federal Poverty Level + the 5% disregard or 138%.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:	Annual Income Level
1	\$1353	\$16,243
2	1831	21,983
3	2310	27,724
4	2788	33,465
5	3267	39,206
6	3745	44,947
7	4223	50,687
8	4702	56,428
9	5180	62,169
10	5659	67,910
Effective April 1, 2015		

For each additional household member over 10, add \$478 to the monthly amount and \$5,741 to the annual amount.

The income level for those eligible as **Pregnant Women or children through age 5** is 147% of the Federal Poverty Level + the 5% disregard or 152%.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:	Annual Income Level:
1	\$1490	\$17,890
2	2017	24,214
3	2544	30,537
4	3071	36,860
5	3598	43,183
6	4125	49,506
7	4652	55,830
8	5179	62,153
9	5706	68,476
10	6233	74,799
Effective April 1, 2015		

For each additional household member over 10, add \$526 to the monthly amount and \$6,323 to the annual amount.

The income level for those eligible under the **Children with Disabilities** coverage is equal to or less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:
1	\$1,961
2	2,655
3	3,348
4	4,041
5	4,735
6	5,428
7	6,121
8	6,815
9	7,508
10	8,201
Effective April 1, 2015	

For each additional household member over 10, add \$693 to the monthly amount.

The income level for those eligible under the **Workers with Disabilities** coverage is equal to or less than 225% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:
1	\$2,206
2	2,986
3	3,766
4	4,546
5	5,326
6	6,106
7	6,886
8	7,666
9	8,446
10	9,226
Effective April 1, 2015	

For each additional household member over 10, add \$780 to the monthly amount.

ACA Maintenance of Effort – Medicaid – Children ages 6 through 18.

The family size is increased for each unborn when determining the appropriate family size.

Household Size	111% FPL Monthly	111% FPL Annual	133% FPL Monthly	133% FPL Annual
1	\$1,088	\$13,065	\$1,304	\$15,654

2	\$1,473	\$17,682	\$1,765	\$21,187
3	\$1,858	\$22,300	\$2,226	\$26,720
4	\$2,243	\$26,918	\$2,687	\$32,253
5	\$2,627	\$31,535	\$3,148	\$37,785
6	\$3,012	\$36,153	\$3,609	\$43,318
7	\$3,397	\$40,770	\$4,070	\$48,851
8	\$3,782	\$45,388	\$4,531	\$54,384
9	\$4,167	\$50,006	\$4,993	\$59,917
10	\$4,551	\$54,623	\$5,454	\$65,449
+1	\$384	\$4,618	\$461	\$5,533
Effective April 1, 2015				

The income level for those eligible under the **Healthy Steps** program is equal to or less than 170% of the Federal Poverty Level plus a 5% of the Federal Poverty Level income disregard.

Number of Persons:	Monthly Income Level:	Annual Income Level:
1	\$1716	\$20,598
2	2323	27,878
3	2929	35,158
4	3536	42,438
5	4143	49,718
6	4749	56,998
7	5356	64,278
8	5963	71,558
9	6569	78,838
10	7176	86,118
Effective April 1, 2015		

For each additional household member over 10, add \$606 to the monthly amount or \$7,280 to the annual amount.

The new income level chart effective April 1, 2015 is attached and will also be on the County Internet March 1, 2015. (CountyIntranet\Economic Assistance-Health Care Coverage\Medicaid-Healthy Steps\ACAMAGI Information)